

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2; amend Claim 1 and add new Claims 10 and 11 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A pivot joint comprising:

an inner member having an outer surface and an end surface generally perpendicular to said outer surface:

an elastomeric member disposed around said inner member, said outer surface and said end surface of said inner member ~~slidingly engaging~~ being rotatable within said ~~outer surface and said end surface of said~~ elastomeric member;[[and]]

an outer member disposed around said elastomeric member, said elastomeric member being fixedly secured to said outer member, said outer ~~[[metal]] member~~ having a first portion disposed opposite to said outer surface of said inner member and a second portion disposed opposite to said end surface of said inner member[[.]]; and

a low friction member disposed between said inner member and said elastomeric member, said low friction member being separate from said elastomeric member.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said inner member rotates within said elastomeric member around an axis.

4. (original) The pivot joint described in Claim 3 further comprising an axial retention member disposed between said inner member and said elastomeric member.

5. (original) The pivot joint described in Claim 4 wherein said axial retention member comprises a groove formed in one of said inner member and said elastomeric member and a rib formed on the other of said inner member and said elastomeric member, said rib being disposed within said groove.

6.-7. (cancelled)

8. (original) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said inner member rotates within said elastomeric member around a first axis and pivots within said elastomeric member around a second axis, said second axis being different than said first.

9. (original) The pivot joint described in Claim 8 wherein said second axis is generally perpendicular to said first axis.

10. (new) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said low friction member coats said inner member.

11. (new) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said elastomeric member is bonded to said outer member.